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Letter dated 20 March 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to forward to you the statement of Paskal Milo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania, in his capacity as Chairman of the South-East European Cooperation Process, on the situation in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (see annex).

I would kindly ask you to circulate the statement as a document of the Security Council.

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to the United Nations

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Annex to the letter dated 20 March 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Statement of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Albania, H.E. Mr. Paskal Milo, Chairman-in-Office of the South-East European Cooperation Process, about the situation in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania, H.E. Mr. Paskal Milo, Chairman-in-Office of the South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECP), expresses his deep concern about recent developments in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. The armed actions of Albanian extremist groups threaten the peace and stability of this country, disturbing as well the general situation in the region.

The Chairman-in-Office of the South-East European Cooperation Process reaffirms his full support for the safeguards of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. He appreciates the self-restraint of the Government in Skopje and the constructive attitude of all Albanian political parties in dealing with the crisis, and encourages them to advance ethnic coexistence through institutional solution of the existing problems.

The Chairman-in-Office of the South-East European Cooperation Process strongly demands the immediate cessation of the armed actions. Political goals cannot be achieved through violence. Any legitimate demand of the Albanian community should be resolved by peaceful means and in a democratic way.

The Chairman-in-Office of the South-East European Cooperation Process expresses his determination not to support and to condemn actions that damage the process of regional cooperation and their integration into European and Euro-Atlantic structures. Any action opposing the spirit and the principles of the South-East European Cooperation Process is unacceptable.